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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be due for excess claims, as there are fewer than 3 independent and 20 total claims after claim amendments, and all multiple dependencies are removed. Please charge Deposit Account 15-0450 for any fee deficiency. This response is made under the revised 37 CFR 1.121.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

An Appendix including amended drawing figure 1 is attached following page 10 of this paper.